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Dear Mr. Frankel,

A young lawyer from the midwest, who has just passed his District of Columbia bars and is familiar with my need for a lawyer in New York City, has suggested that I write you. He knows a lawyer who knows you. Should you care to check with him, he is James Lesar, 1231 4 St., SW, 20024; 484-6023. If that of which I write seems improbable of somewhat paranoid, I am confident Mr. Lesar will assure you that it is not. He is of counsel in a criminal case in which I have been the investigator. He has also assisted me in several Freedom of Information cases in which we have been successful.

In the 1930s I was a Senate investigator. I am not a New Yorker and have no connections with that city except through writing. A number of book wholesalers owe me money. When I learned the address of a lawyer in Boston with whom I had worked for the Senate I asked him if he could help me with a Boston case and if he could refer me to a New York lawyer. While the response from the New York lawyer seemed to indicate he would not be able to represent me, it nonetheless prompted me to write him a summary of the legal matters between publishers and me. I enclose a copy of that letter to give you an idea of what is involved.

I will be in New York the week of May 6 or 13 to make a speech at a college which has not yet selected the exact date. If I hear from them before you respond, I will let you know. I do hope it will be possible for you to represent me, for our needs are urgent. If you cannot, perhaps you know a lawyer who can?

Mr. Lesar tells me you were an Assistant United States Attorney in Washington. When Dave Pine was U.S.Attorney, I worked with that office and him on some cases. Earlier I had worked with Brien McMahon when he was Chief of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice. During World War II, when I was an investigative reporter, I worked with the Anti-Trust Division. My recent writings and investigations dealing with political assassinations are in no sense anti-government. However, because of what they expose, they do, I think, make the government anti-me. I hope this will not discourage you. However, it is what I regard as a reality of which I think you should know.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg